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VISIT OF MRS. JIHAN SADAT TO WASHINGTON TO OPEN THE EGYPT TODAY SYMPOSIUM, MARCH 15-18

Mrs. Jihan Sadat has agreed to open EGYPT TODAY, the fifth in a series of international symposia initiated by the National Endowment for the Humanities and sponsored by three non-profit institutions: The Smithsonian Resident Associate Program, The Middle East Institute, and Meridian House International. The month-long program will be held in three cities: Washington, Houston, and Los Angeles.

Accompanied by several Ministers, Mrs. Sadat will arrive in Washington March 15, on the Egyptian Presidential aircraft, and will proceed to Houston (and subsequently Los Angeles) on the 18th.

Given the special bilateral relationship that exists between Egypt and the United States, it is likely that Mrs. Sadat would expect to be met at Andrews Air Force Base by either the First Lady, Mrs. Bush, or the wife of the Secretary of State. Both the Egyptian Embassy and EGYPT TODAY have suggested two other possible courtesies for Mrs. Sadat: a luncheon or dinner at the White House; an invitation to stay at Blair House during her March 15-18 visit to Washington.

Accomodations and welcoming activities are being arranged on a private basis in Houston and Los Angeles.

The Department believes that it would be appropriate and desirable to demonstrate high-level interest in EGYPT TODAY and the visit of Egypt's First Lady. An early decision in principle on the above possibilities would ensure the appropriate atmosphere for the event.

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